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### Register of existing GM food and feed products published by the Commission

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**Report Highlights:**

Since the entry into force of Regulation 1829/2003 on GM food and feed in April 2004, all GM products seeking to enter the EU market as food or feed have to undergo a thorough authorization procedure, including scientific safety assessment by EFSA.

However, there are certain GM food and feed products which can be legally sold in the EU according to the rules in place before Regulation 1829/2003.

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On April 18th the European Commission published a list of 26 GM products, which had been legally on the EU market since before the new legislative framework for authorizing GM food and feed had entered into effect.

These so-called “existing products” were either approved under former EU legislation, or did not require approval at the time that they were put on the market. They have been added to a specific section of the Community register of genetically modified (GM) food and feed in order to clarify exactly which GM products are legally permitted to be sold in the EU and to have full information on these products.

Operators who wished to continue marketing an “existing product” had to notify the Commission and submit detailed information on the product before 18 October 2004. Non-notified products will no longer be allowed on the EU market. Once one of these “existing products” is on this register, it can legally be sold in the EU for a set period of between 3-9 years, after which an application for the renewal of the authorization must be submitted.

A list of the 26 products can be found at the following link:

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/food/food/biotechnology/authorisation/register\\_notification/index.html](http://europa.eu.int/comm/food/food/biotechnology/authorisation/register_notification/index.html)

To read the press release from the European Commission go to:

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